

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 13, 1989

COMMITTEE ON LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

The sixteenth meeting of the Committee on Labor-Management Relations was held on Wednesday, September 13, 1989, during the mini-session in Winona, Minnesota. Representative Joe Begich, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3 P.M. in Lourdes Hall at the College of St. Teresas.

Chairman Begich asked the members present for self-introductions; those in attendance were:

Begich - Chairman
Beard - Vice Chairman

Dille	Redalen
Girard	Rukavina
Kelly	Sarna
Limmer	Sviggum
McPherson	

Senator Steve Morse was also present.

The following spoke regarding workers' compensation, the topic set for the committee meeting:

Bob Schmidt, Opperman, Heinz & Paquin of Minneapolis. He presented an overview on the pending anti-trust, workers' compensation case.

Ken Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Labor & Industry, giving an update on the medical cost containment study. Commissioner Peterson stated that workers' compensation costs have remained level for the second straight year.

Speaking in opposition to the Commissioner's comments and asking for reform in the workers' compensation laws were:

Walt Kelly, Director of Governmental Affairs, Winona Chamber of Commerce and President of Walt Kelly Enterprises, a commercial and industrial roofing company.

Donald Peterson, President, Mississippi Welders Supply Company, Inc. of Winona. Mr. Peterson is also a county commissioner.

Bill Hein, Vice President, Lake Center Industries of Winona.

Thomas Slaggie, Mayor, City of Winona, and an insurance agent.

Tom Graham, Vice President of Finance, Pearless Chain Company in Winona.

With the Chairman thanking all those in attendance, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.



Joseph R. Begich, Chairman



Maxine Wiech, Secretary